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U.N., Chinese Officers Go To Kaesong For Parley

SEOUL, Saturday (Reuter). — **U.N. Liaison officers were on their way to Kaesong tonight for the preparatory talks for a Korean cease-fire — and it was assumed the Communist delegates would reach the agreed venue by midnight. This assumption was based on Friday's message from the Communist commanders that their representatives would leave Pyongyang area, North Korea at 0500 local time today.**

From 04.00 local time United Nations aircraft, including spotter planes kept clear the 150-mile route from Pyongyang to Kaesong which is just south of the 38th Parallel. But the U.N. Supreme Commander's headquarters told the Communists by radio tonight that immunity of the Pyongyang - Kaesong highway from Allied air attack would end at midnight local time.

U.N. planes also observed a neutral zone of five miles radius round Kaesong itself.

The U.N. helicopters left Seoul tonight for a point just south of the Imjin River on the first lap of their journey to Kaesong. Weather conditions tomorrow will decide whether they use the helicopters or jeep for the last 50 miles.

The U.N. officers waiting tonight in Seoul were still unnamed. But a dispatch from Pusan, temporary Government Headquarters, said a South Korean Lieutenant-Colonel would be included.

An Eighth Army spokesman said tonight that the U.N. emissaries would stay at Kaesong "until their mission was completed." No time limit had been placed on their stay there.

Not to Negotiate

The U.N. delegation and two interpreters had been "barricaded off" since their arrival three days ago. The spokesman reiterated that they had no power to negotiate a cease-fire but only to arrange the mechanics of a cease-fire conference.

Newspapermen will be excluded from Kaesong, at any rate during the preliminary talks. The U.N. command has established press facilities on a large scale in Seoul where 200 press correspondents can be accommodated. Additional communications facilities have been arranged.

General Ridgway has said that for considerations of international importance the cease-fire conference should be in secret.

Outside the five-mile radius neutral zone around Kaesong "U.N. fighters and bombers were taking their bombs and bullets and napalm (jellied petrol) into North Korea as usual today."

The U.N. fleet reported continued heavy bombardment off the Korean coast, especially off the east coast port of Wonsan. This is the venue General Ridgway originally suggested for the cease-fire talks.

Marginal Column

By "COMMENTATOR"

THE three U.N. liaison officers are on their way to Kaesong when these lines appear in print. One may assume that the Kaesong meeting will be not unlike the first conference between Israel and Arab commanders in the no-man's-land near the Damascus Gate in Jerusalem three years ago: There will be many maps, and little or no politics.

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THE prospect of peace in the Far East has been gratifying to everybody, and political seismologists, inspired by the "New Statesman" have reported a tremor of hope. Unfortunately there is very little reason for such optimism, especially, if one's domicile happens to be in the Middle East. If peace is restored in Korea (which appears almost certain now) it does not mean that the disease in international relations has been healed; a symptom of the disease has been cured, but nothing more.

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THE conditions for stirring up unrest in this part of the world are even better than in the Far East. There is oppressive taxation and absentee landlordism, profound social inequality and growing unemployment. The economic and strategic importance of the Near and Middle East is incomparably larger, and intervention by the West will be much more difficult, because these are, after all, independent states. Communism's two main strategic principles today are to prevent a world war and to use all other means short of total war to promote their cause.

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ONE wonders what happened to American intelligence in Korea. Even the name of the Chinese commander of the Northern armies appears not to have been known, until he sent a message to General Ridgway. He is Peng-Teh-Huai, one of the very few Chinese Communists who belong to the inner sanctum of the party. Born in Hunan, like Mao, and many other prominent leaders, he joined the party only after the big defeat in 1927, but one year later he was in charge of the first Hunan (Soviet) government. The first major military victory of the Chinese Communists, the capture of Changsha in 1930, was directed by him, and he was also one of the leaders of the famous "long march." He has been Deputy Commander of the Army since 1937, and a member of the Party's Central Committee.

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A MOST interesting contribution to the question of responsibility for the war in Korea has just been published in the Moscow literary journal, "Novi Mir." This is not a vital problem for Communists, to be sure, as the war against the South Koreans has been a progressive one in their eyes anyway. But face had to be saved, and Communists have been at a loss to explain how the Northern forces had been able to stage a major offensive which all but culminated in the conquest of the whole country — half an hour after the "invasion" by the South. Roman Kim, a Soviet citizen of Korean origin, has finally given the explanation in a longish short story, "A note-book found in Inchon," the life story of a Japanese officer allegedly captured by the Communist forces. According to this source the Pyongyang Government had been informed about the impending Southern invasion by a spy, the secretary of the (non-existent) American Colonel Byrd in Seoul, a young woman, who also happened to be a personal friend of Syngman Rhee's Austrian wife, Alice. The Communist forces were therefore ready for the "counter-offensive" when the "provocation" was about to take place.

Israel Protest On Suez Canal Expected

UNITED NATIONS, Saturday (Reuter). — Israel is understood to be planning to accuse Egypt before the U.N. Security Council of breaking three international agreements by refusing to allow oil tankers to pass through the Suez Canal on their way to the Haifa refinery.

Israel's case, it was understood, would charge violation of:

- The Armistice agreement with Israel.
- The U.N. Charter.
- The Suez Convention on transit through the Canal.

Egypt's ban on tankers going from Arabian oilfields to the British-owned Haifa refinery was imposed as an economic blockade measure against Israel after the Arab-Jewish fighting in 1948. The problem has become more acute in the last few days because of the gradual close down of the refinery at Abadan—the world's biggest.

Mr. Aba Eban, Israel's Chief Delegate to the U.N., recently held talks with key delegates, in preparation for submitting Israel's case.

Egypts' delegates were guarded in their comments on the matter. A spokesman said: "We are prepared for all eventualities, whether the complaint is grounded on the armistice agreement, the Charter, or the Suez Canal Convention."

Israel is expected to bring her case before the Council early next week. A meeting on Tuesday or Wednesday was being tentatively discussed.

The Egyptian Customs authorities have been notified by their Government that they have no right to confiscate goods bearing the Star of David which are unloaded in any Egyptian port, unless they are convinced that the goods come directly or indirectly from Israel, ANA reports.

In order to confiscate all goods bearing the sign, a special ordinance must first have been submitted to the Government and approved by it.

Britain Studies Suez Blockade

LONDON, Saturday (UP). — Foreign Office experts are studying General Riley's report on the Suez Canal dispute but no final decision has been taken on future steps before the Security Council, official sources said here today.

It is not certain that Britain will take the initiative in the matter but it is fairly clear that once the issue is raised in the Security Council she will side with the U.S. and other maritime powers affected by the blockade.

Even with the increased interest in the Suez issue occasioned by the potential loss of the Abadan refineries, it is considered unlikely that in the present stage of delicate negotiations with Egypt the British Government will give in to Opposition demands for strong measures.

It is noted that although Egypt has rejected Britain's proposals for joint defence measures, contrary to earlier indications, she has not broken off negotiations.

Some diplomats believe the problem could be partly solved if Iraq opened the pipeline to Haifa but there appears to be little prospect of a change of policy in Baghdad.

Negba Strike Over

HAIFA, Saturday. — The strike of the s.s. Negbah crew in Marseilles for payment of half their wages in foreign currency has ended, it is learned here. The ship is due to leave Marseilles for Haifa on Monday with immigrants aboard.

British Note To Teheran

Persia Rejects Ruling

TEHERAN, Saturday (Reuter). — Sir Francis Shepherd, the British Ambassador here, today handed the Persian Government a note asking it to name two representatives for a negotiating body on the oil dispute, as proposed by the International Court at The Hague. But Teheran radio announced the Persian Government had formally rejected the Hague Court's decision suggesting a halt to the nationalization scheme pending arbitration of the issue.

The latest British note said: "His Majesty's Government has already publicly announced they accept in full the recommendations of the International Court of the U.K. request for the indication of interim measures of protection relative to the present oil dispute.

Nominations Considered

"On the assumption that the Imperial Government (of Iran) similarly accepts the recommendation in full His Majesty's Government are considering their nominations to the Board of Supervision recommended by the Court and hope to let the Imperial Government know very shortly the names of their representatives.

"They will be glad to learn in due course the names of the two representatives to be nominated by the Imperial

"His Majesty's Government will be making a further communication to the Imperial Government about the detailed implementation of the Court's recommendation, particularly about measures to be taken to make possible the resumption of the Company's operations on the basis proposed by the Court."

The ailing Premier expressed his view yesterday when he told students who visited his bedside: "We shall go ahead with nationalization."

Abadan refinery officials announced that output of oil products was being cut today by a million gallons to just over seven million gallons a day. Normal daily output is 15 million gallons.

In Teheran a Persian official source said today that Mr. Richard Seddon, Anglo-Iranian Oil Company chief representative here had asked for an exit visa. It is not known whether this visa would be granted or if Mr. Seddon intended to avail himself of it immediately.

Oil for the Lamps Of Phantasy

An Iraq Petroleum Company spokesman has announced in Basra that his company is about to begin the dismantling of the Haifa refineries, ANA reports from Basra.

It was not disclosed whether the plant will be removed to another country.

Britain, Persia And the Arabs

By George Lichtheim, POST Correspondent

LONDON, Saturday. — The Anglo-Egyptian financial agreement is criticized in today's "Economist," which complains that Britain has yielded too much. The paper recalls that when the agreement was first published last March it encountered strong resistance here, particularly owing to the continued blocking of the Suez to Haifa-bound tankers. These criticisms are described as having been reinforced by recent events in Persia.

This comment is doubly significant because it appears that Whitehall has reached the opposite conclusion: namely, that the Persian debacle makes it all the more urgent to appease Egypt. Indeed, there are other signs of disorientation in what are supposed to be informed quarters. Thus the "Economist" now supports Turkey's inclusion in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization on the grounds that a powerful and stable country like Turkey cannot be expected to join the shaky Arab states in a Middle Eastern Pact—a project still dear to Whitehall.

"Times" Innuendoes

"The Times," on the other hand, yesterday published an article from its Damascus correspondent which, after the customary innuendoes against Israel—variously described on the authority of the Syrian Premier as a "Hitlerite aggressor" and "a Moscow satellite." — outlines a case for treating Syria as a great military power able to mobilize 350,000 men on the West's side in any war. Nevertheless, this same military giant is also represented as cowering in terror under the threat of "Israel aggression."

The article — given great prominence — strikes a dramatic note in urging that Britain win Syria's friendship before it is too late. The explanation seems to be that a Franco - American financial group has recently made some progress in alienating Syria's affections.

Egypt Replies To Britain

ALEXANDRIA, Saturday (Reuter).—The Egyptian Foreign Minister Saleh e-Din, yesterday handed the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, Egypt's reply to British proposals for a revision of the 1936 Anglo-Egyptian Treaty. The Foreign Minister said the talks between the two countries would continue.

Salah e-Din has until now refused to give any indication of the contents of the Egyptian reply, a draft of which was submitted to a full meeting of the Cabinet on July 1. But it is known that Egypt insists on the evacuation of the Suez Canal Zone.

Reports Conflict On Closing of Consulate

Nothing was known to the Persian Consulate and Israel Foreign Ministry sources last night of a report that the Persian Government had instructed its representative in Israel to close his office.

The report, attributed to a Persian Foreign Office spokesman, gave no reasons for the alleged instruction, but observers believed the move was a preliminary to withdrawal of Persia's de facto recognition of Israel. This would be aimed at gaining the support of the Moslem nations for the Persian case in the oil dispute before the U.N.

SOLDIERS' REMAINS FOUND

TIBERIAS, Saturday. — The remains of all soldiers lost in the summer of 1948 south of Mishmar Hayarden have now been found by the Army Chaplain's Branch near the spot where they fell. They will be buried in the military cemetery at Rosh Pina.

Persia Lacks Skill, Experience

IPSWICH, England, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Herbert Morrison said here tonight that Persia did not herself possess the skill and experience to produce, refine and market her oil.

That was a thing the world knew already, a thing that many wise men in Persia realized too, but a thing their own Government did not dare tell the Persian people, Mr. Morrison told a meeting of the East Anglian Labour Party here.

"Royalties are not the only thing Persia stands to lose," he said. "The Anglo-Iranian Oil Company has spent great sums of money on providing houses, education, hospitals and clubs for its Persian employees."

The Persian Government had picked on Britain and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company as the scapegoats for its own backwardness, Mr. Morrison added.

Geri to Aid Bond Drive in U.S.

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday (ITIM). — Mr. Ya'acov Geri, Minister of Trade and Industry, left for a visit to the U.S. yesterday in connection with the Independence Bond drive. During his visit Mr. Geri will take a direct hand in the bond sales campaign.

Mr. Geri said that he hoped the next Government to be formed would have a stable majority and would not have to call upon non-Knesset members to serve as ministers.

He said that he was pleased with the work of the "dollar-a-year men" he had invited to assist him in his work. Although they had not had any previous experience of Government machinery, they had brought with them a sound knowledge of their own field of work; the permanent civil servants, he thought, had learned much from them.

Stable Majority Needed to Keep Democracy—B.G.

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The lack of a stable majority in the next Knesset would endanger the democratic liberties of the nation, Prime Minister Ben Gurion said here last night.

A Knesset where petty factions would vote according to personal interests, and not in accordance with their avowed programmes, would undermine the people's trust in democracy, although democracy was the backbone of this country, the Prime Minister said. He was speaking at the opening of a country-wide rally of Mapai representatives on workers' committees, held here last night and today.

The tendency toward "faction politics," had become manifest in the first Knesset when Mapam and Herut were seen to join votes, not in pursuance of their political aims, but because of a common blind hatred of the Government, Mr. Ben Gurion said.

"When I said, in the Knesset that the religious bloc's policy was not prompted by religious motives, but by purely personal considerations there were plenty of categorical denials; but the fact that four religious lists and not one are to vie in the forthcoming elections is ample proof that religion has nothing to do with Religious Bloc politics."

Crucial Years

It was no new thing in Jewish history that the greatest division of opinion occurred within the people in the period of the greatest danger to its very existence.

The next four years would probably prove to be the crucial years in our modern history. The population must be brought to the two million mark and by the law of cumulative difficulties, their absorption into the country's economy should prove to be more difficult with time.

Only charlatans would promise speedy remedies, Mr. Ben Gurion said. The General Zionist, Herut and Mizrahi promise a panacea by abolishing the economic structure on which the Yishuv was built, namely encouraging and fostering all creative initiative, whether by private individuals, cooperative societies or national or Government capital.

On the other extreme were workers who wished to be incorporated within the Cominform, which would do nothing but serve the interests of another nation. "Our aim is to serve the interests of the Jewish national revolution in the best possible way, according to our needs and not by aping a foreign example," Mr. Ben Gurion said. He added that he did not hope to attain a Socialist state within the next four years, but he said it was necessary to assure the worker's predominant position in the State while establishing the basis of the future society.

In the past 50 years Zionist Socialists have been making their way according to their own standards, notwithstanding the denial of the very existence of a Jewish people by Karl Marx. The worker has attained a pre-eminence in this country's society because he was able to rally the majority of the nation around him and his ideals, because he could persuade the majority that those ideals were in conformity with the greatest benefit of all.

The future Government policy was summarised by the Prime Minister as having two aims: "The best for the individual and the best care for the community; but the good of the community should come first." Compromise on that point was not possible. The vacillations of the small parties were understandable — "we might not be better if we were in the minority." But the good of the country demanded a unified will of Government and nation to concentrate all efforts on building a productive country, "not a country of gazos kiosks," he said.

"Nothing happens of its own accord: everything has to be made," Mr. Ben Gurion said. Free criticism was a basic principle from the very start of the Yishuv.

Take Controls Off Most Food — Herut

At a Herut election meeting in Jerusalem's Orion Cinema yesterday morning, Dr. B. Avnieli criticized Mapai's economic policy. He advocated that only the six main foods, including bread, should be rationed. The distribution and import of all ther foodstuffs should be decontrolled.

If various controls were lifted, austerity would be replaced by the same prosperity that had accompanied the large-scale immigration of 1934, he claimed. He also criticized the ban on the sale of land by the Negev Development Authority to private persons.

Eban Move On Korea

NEW YORK, Saturday (INA). — Mr. Aba Eban met Mr. Jacob Malik, Soviet delegate to the U.N., to consider the possibilities of forming a neutral commission, composed of Israel, India and Sweden, for supervising the prospective armistice in Korea, it was reported in the New York press yesterday.

Mr. Eban is believed to be the first non-Communist representative to talk with Mr. Malik on Korea since the latter's farewell dinner to the Security Council delegates. The meeting was believed to be the first move in sounding out the Russians prior to the preliminary cease-fire talks in Korea. Mr. Eban, who was due to leave for Washington yesterday, was expected to contact the State Department.

It is understood that Mr. Eban reminded Mr. Malik, Mr. Lie and M. Lacoste, of Israel's original suggestion that the cease-fire should be concluded on a military basis, leaving political issues for later settlement. He also suggested that the General Assembly might appoint an individual to act as supervisor of the armistice arrangements.

KOREAN FRONT STAYS QUIET

SEOUL, Saturday (Reuter). — On the eve of the cease-fire conference battle lines in Korea quietened down to an almost sinister silence.

There were reports of only "light enemy contact" all along the wavering frontline. Engagements were restricted to platoon or company level except for the last long battle raging northwest of the east coast town of Kaesong where a Communist battalion was involved.

Republicans Split By Korean Peace

WASHINGTON, Saturday (Reuter). — Prospects of a Korean armistice have caused a split in the Republican party in Congress. The division is particularly noticeable among some congressmen who had earlier endorsed the "expand the Korean war" programme of the deposed Far Eastern Commander, General Douglas MacArthur.

General MacArthur's stand was that there was "no substitute for victory" in Korea but many congressmen alive to the feeling of their constituents now regard peace as such a substitute.

Most political observers here have no doubt President Truman has won his fight with General MacArthur and that as a Korean armistice appears nearer reality the General's supporters are dwindling.

'War Party'

When the nation was listening to General MacArthur's attacks on President Truman's Korean policy some Republicans counselled their colleagues against accepting the General's programme as a political weapon against the administration. They felt that the effect could be to label the Republican party as the "war party."

Today there was little inclination in the party to endorse the General's proposals.

Most congressmen favour armistice negotiations but political observers here predict that later proposals for a political settlement of the Korean problem would touch off another "great debate" in Congress.

Nazareth is Valuable Trust, Sharett Tells 5,000 Arabs

Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett recalled Nazareth's historic past in an address to an outdoor assembly there on Friday. He was paying an official visit to the country's largest Arab centre on the invitation of the Nazareth Municipality.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharett and their party were met at the approach to the town by the Military Governor; the Mayor; the two Nazareth Knesset Members; Bishop Hakim and other notables from Nazareth and the surrounding villages. A contingent of Arab Boy Scouts carrying scout banners and Israel flags headed the procession into the town.

Speaking from a balcony before some 5,000 listeners, Mr. Sharett opened in Hebrew, and then, in Arabic, he thanked the entire town for the hospitality extended to him. He had great respect, "for the hospitality with which the Arab people were bestowed, and for their loyalty to friends."

The State of Israel, he said, considers the city of Nazareth a valuable trust, and appreciated the responsibility imposed on it by the inclusion of "this historic city" within its bounds. "It will do everything, he said, to bear this responsibility honourably."

The development of the town under Israel rule, as noted by the Mayor during his welcoming talk was heartening, he said, especially in the light of the complex difficulties confronting Israel today: the unprecedented stream of immigration, and the lack of a peaceful arrangement with its neighbours.

This state of affairs is the fault of no one but the neighbouring countries who have refused to negotiate a final peace, he said. Mr. Sharett regretted that the leaders of the neighbouring States were so shortsighted as to neglect the interests of the masses in the Near East. He hoped a spirit of brotherhood and peace would overcome the spirit of hostility that prevailed.

He said that all the State had done for its Arab population was motivated by its independent will and not by external pressure, and promised the re-settlement of the refugees from villages now domiciled in Nazareth, as soon as conditions permit.

He lunched with Seif eddin Izuabi and took tea with Amin bey Jarjura.

"Israel's youth is confronted with the choice between helping to build a new Zion or allowing a combination of Babel and Sodom," Mr. Sharett, said at a Mapai-sponsored youth rally in the Orion Cinema in Jerusalem on Friday night. "It is a dangerous self-deception for young people to think that party politics are not their concern, or even distasteful and immoral and that they can stay out of them," he declared.

"This kind of superficial reasoning is dangerous for our country's future," Mr. Sharett went on. "We must distinguish between the positive value of politics and its abuse. In its positive aspect, politics is great and noble and enables us to control the future, instead of being powerless at the mercy of blind forces."

Lenin, Stalin Enough For Israel--Mikunis

JAFFA, Saturday.—A violent attack on Mapam was launched by Mr. S. Mikunis, Communist Knesset member, at an election meeting here last night. He accused the United Workers Party of being Janus-faced, with two sets of slogans, one for Moscow and the other for Washington.

Claiming that the Socialism professed by Mapam was only for export, Mr. Mikunis said that the Party's ideology was based on Herzl and Stalin, Borochov and Lenin, Sirkin and Marx. "The firm is too big. Lenin and Stalin are sufficient basis for an ideology," he said.


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Social & Personal

Dr. Moshe Tishai, the Minister to Yugoslavia, has returned to Israel.

Mr. Zalman Shazar, former Minister of Education, and Mayor I. Rokah opened the Chagall Exhibition in the Tel Aviv Municipal Museum on Friday. A reception for Mr. and Mrs. Chagall was given in the afternoon by the Mayor and Mrs. Rokah.

The Tel Aviv District Court Judge, Dr. S. Kassan, has been inscribed in the Jewish National Fund Golden Book by a group of judges and lawyers to mark his 50th birthday.

Mr. George Humbard, U.S. road construction expert who has been seconded to Israel under the Point-Four programme, arrived by Cyprus Airlines on Friday night.

A reception marking the end of the study year at the Hebrew University was given by Professor Leon Roth, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities, and Mrs. Roth, at their home in Talbieh on Thursday afternoon.

Dr. Yaacov Gorali, Commercial Adviser to the Ministry of Agriculture, returned from a visit to North and South America on Thursday.

Professor Marver H. Bernstein, Professor of Political Science at Princeton University, will lecture in English on "The American Presidency" at Terra Sancta College (Room 29), at 8.15 p.m. today. The public is invited.

A symposium on "Efficiency and the Increase of Production" will be held under the auspices of the Commercial and Industrial Club at the Clubhouse in Tel Aviv, at 8 p.m. on Monday. Speakers will be Professor E.L. Guttman, Dr. A. Weinberg, Dr. U.G. Foa, Mr. P. Nestor-Sherman, Dr. B. Avniel, Dr. E. Vegrin and Mr. Y. Ziv-Av.

The Haifa Rotary Club will hold its annual ball at the Megiddo Hotel on Tuesday, July 10, 1951. All proceeds will be devoted to charitable institutions.

FORTHCOMING MARRIAGE KATZENELLENBOGEN — KRINSKY

The marriage between Elliot, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Katzenellenbogen, Pretoria, South Africa, and Shulamith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Krinsky, Jerusalem, will take place today, Sunday, July 8, 1951 at the Israel Touring Club, Talbieh, Jerusalem. Reception from 5-7 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Uriel Bassan has been appointed Second Secretary to the Israel Legation in Berne.

Mr. Michael Arnon, Press Officer of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, has been appointed Press Attache to the Israel Legation in London.

Mr. Joseph Tekoah has been appointed Deputy Legal Counsellor to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Housing Plans Proceed In Upper Galilee

TIBERIAS, Saturday. — Two-hundred 20-dwelling units are being completed at Kiryat Shmoneh (Khalsa) in Upper Galilee and Solel Boneh has completed preparations for the construction of an additional 1,000 units there. Sites are being prepared for the erection of a new urban centre at Hatzor, between Rosh Pina and Ayelet Hashahar. The Hatzor project involves the initial construction of 500 units.

Progress, however, is being slowed down by a critical shortage of gravel and sand, as well as of water for building. Even V'aid has proposed the establishment of a gravel quarry in Galilee and it is expected that the water shortage can be overcome by moderate investments.

Three-hundred dwelling units are being erected in Galilee as part of a veteran settlers' housing programme. The Kibbutz Meuhad building programme for the area includes plans for hundreds of units, refrigeration plants and silos.

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Skilled Labour Needed To Boost Production

By Samuel Couzin

Our economic ills can be remedied if we increase our productivity. This self-sufficiency will obviously be a more satisfactory cure than any reliance on hoped-for investments or funds from abroad. Indeed, the improvement of our production methods may also induce hard-headed businessmen to reconsider Israel for their investments.

There are many causes for our low industrial output, but at the head of the list I would mention: the lack of adequate training of many of the workers; the lack of a suitable apprenticeship system (the employers are reluctant to pay for it), absence of modern methods geared to high production; and the lack of incentive to produce more.

The bad effects of inadequate training and the rapid results achieved by a little properly directed instruction are striking. Last winter I inspected a number of orange groves and noticed that some men with several years' experience were plucking oranges with a dismaying inefficiency; whereas new immigrants with a few days of experience after suitable instruction, soon achieved a high speed of plucking. Recently I had to construct a large steel-framed building with a very low quota of skilled labour. At one stage, out of 40 men on the job, only the foreman and his immediate assistant had more than two years' experience, and most of the workers were new immigrants who had been shopkeepers before coming to Israel. Yet these men, none of whom had ever handled a steel joint before, soon became accustomed to climbing aloft and assembling and erecting structural steelwork.

Apprentice System Needed

In my opinion, an intensive course of training, such as the courses given during World War II in Britain and South Africa, will rapidly improve the supply of skilled labour in Israel.

The supply of skilled labour depends principally though upon the training of young people, and an adequate apprentice system is needed not only to provide practical training coupled with technical instruction, but also to enable the employer to benefit from the scheme so that he will welcome apprentices.

There are other causes of our low productivity too. The report of the Histadrut Productivity Delegation to America stated that much of our equipment was not inferior to that in many factories in America; and our hot and humid climate no more rigorous, only our methods are defective. The average Israel manufacturer tends to ignore this. He cannot understand that a method which lightens the labour of the worker, also increases production. There has been no serious effort to introduce modern methods of production.

One of the causes is that the manager is apt to think that any success achieved by a productivity specialist indicates criticism of the management. This view is mistaken. Even when a manager is qualified by training and experience to do research, his routine labours prevent him from doing so.

Some workers also resent productivity improvement, for they fear that changes may reduce the demand for labour.

Pay Incentives

Higher earnings would be the best incentive to raise productivity, for both factory owner and employees. Taxation takes away a lot of this incentive on the part of the employer. Hence I suggest that the income tax law be altered to enable a graded application, reducing tax on additional earnings which stem from improved production methods.

The application of the same principle to wages will give the workers an added interest in increasing production together with a suitable system of incentive payment. (I must add that I oppose ordinary piecework as being contrary to the interest of the State and of the consuming public).

The benefits to the State of such a policy are obvious. The raising of the level of production will encourage the introduction of new enterprises. Overseas industrialists who have declined to invest capital in Israel because of the prevailing low production level will now invest. There will also be a flow of foreign currency which our products will earn when increased production has made them active competitors on the world market.

A final incentive can be given to manufacturers by limiting the period of the protected market for locally manufactured goods. At present local goods (frequently of inferior quality) can be sold in Israel at prices considerably higher than corresponding articles from overseas. The necessity of competing with foreign products will be an incentive for manufacturers to improve their production methods.

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6.30 a.m. Service, 6.35 Exercises, 6.45 Musical Clock (R), 7.15 Melodies (R), 7.45 Oriental Music: R. Amar, 8.30 Close Down.

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4.00 p.m. Programme for the Yemenites, 4.30 Dance Music (R), 4.45 Hebrew Songs (R), 5.0 Kol Yisrael Orchestra. Conductor: Hanan Schlesinger; Soloist: Esther Adiri: Concerto No.14 (Mozart). 5.30 Film Review, 5.45 Musical Programme, Announcements, 6.15 Talk, 6.30 Children's Hour, 7.00 Agricultural Corner, 7.45 Bible Reading, 8.00 Soldiers' Programme, 8.30 Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Conductor: Heinz Freudental: Symphony No.3 (Bruckner), 9.35 "The Citizen Wants to Know..." 9.50 From the World of Music, 10.30 "On a Desert Island." 11.15 Close Down.

"Immigrants' Hour (33.3 M.): 7.00 p.m. Yiddish; 7.30 p.m. Ladino; 7.40 p.m. French; 8.00 p.m. Rumanian; 8.15 p.m. Hungarian.

Kol Zion Lagola (33.3 M.): 12.15 a.m. Newsreel, 12.30 "Personal Column" by W Eytan, 12.45 The Jerusalem Brains Trust.

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Economic News At Home

By Economicus

The average daily wage of a category AA tile-layer was IL.5.320 in November, 1950, according to a report just issued by the Central Bureau of Statistics on an inquiry into the wages of 2,000 building workers in the Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem districts. Other average daily wages were in category AA: bricklayers and concrete formers, IL.4.710; plasterers, IL.4.996; semi-killed workers, IL.2.500, and unskilled workers, IL.2.300. In many cases, the report points out, wages exceeded the trade union tariff, as a result of the sharp demand for killed building workers.

Differences of up to 50 per cent were registered in various districts for agricultural labour, daily wages ranging from IL.1.500 to 2.500 for irrigation work in the South, and from IL.1.500 to 2.200 for fruit wrapping in the Southern Sharon. In the same district, citrus pickers earned in the winter season from IL.1.700 to IL1.800 and citrus packers from IL.3.000 to IL.4.500 a day.

Progress in Building

In the first quarter of 1951, licences were issued by 24 local authorities for the construction of 7,373 rooms in dwelling houses, covering a floor-area of 233.258sqm. Other licences concerned 92 bedrooms in hotels, 305 shops and stores, 450 office rooms, 324 halls for industry and trade, and 643 halls for public purposes.

The building area of completed constructions was 86,727sqm. in January, 92,776 sqm. in February, and 77,756 sqm. in March.

Costa Rica Buys

The demand for Israel products on the part of Costa Rican importers continues to be keen. In addition to wines, textiles and souvenirs interest is shown in refined olive oil and cigarettes made in Israel. Costa Rica can play a considerable part in Israel's export trade with Central America, thanks to the Jewish Community of San Jose.

Where to Go

JERUSALEM

8-6: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo; Romema.

9-1; 3-6: Line Engravings by Cecile Reims; Exhibit of the Month: Bohemian Glass (17th Cent.); Bezalel Museum.

10-1; 4-7: Works by Zeev Tishby, Avram Wolf & Willy Gordon; Artists' House.

11-1: Students' Works; New Bezalel School of Arts & Crafts.

TEL AVIV

9-1; 4-7: Drawings by Marcel Janco; Mikra Studio, 56 Rehov Allenby.

10-4: Chagall Exhibition, Tel Aviv Museum.

8.30 p.m.: Tihanyi and his wonder revue; Jascha Heifetz Hall.

8.30 p.m.: "Hotel de Commerce;" Chamber Theatre; Mograbi Hall.

HAIFA

8 a.m.-3.30 p.m.: Theological and Scientific Library — Central Synagogue Bldg., Rehov Gilad.

10-1; 4-6: Municipal Museum, 3 Hassan Shukri Street.

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Mt. Zion Injunction Against 'Evil Reports'

Visitors to Mount Zion in Jerusalem during the 40 days preceding the Ninth of Ab, the fast day commemorating the destruction of the First and the Second Temple, will be confronted with a symbolic reminder of the Biblical injunction "not to bring up evil reports against the Land of Israel."

Passing one of the chambers near the Tomb of David, they will see a rent prayer shawl and a Scroll of the Law, which were placed there by the Ministry of Religious Affairs in a ceremony last week on the 29th of Sivan, which is observed as "Yom Kippur Katan" (the Minor Day of Atonement) and the date on which the 12 spies were sent by Moses to search out the Land of Cana'an.

All but two of the spies brought back bad reports, saying that it was "a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof." The children of Israel then murmured against Moses and Aaron, saying "Wherefore hath the Lord brought us into this land... were it not better for us to return into Egypt?"

Only Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Yefuneh spoke differently. They rent their clothes and spoke to the congregation: "The land which we passed through to search is an exceedingly good land. If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land which floweth with milk and honey." But the children of Israel demanded they be stoned.

Forty Years

Then the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron to say unto Israel: "As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in my ears, so will I do to you: Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness and all that were numbered of you.... After the number of days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year shall ye bear your iniquities." According to the Bible, the entire generation of murmurers died out by the end of the 40 years, when Israel entered Cana'an.

During last week's ceremony which was conducted by Dr. S.Z. Cahane, Director General of the Ministry, in the Synagogue of the Tomb of David, the Portion of the Week relating the story of the spies was read from a specially prepared scroll, as was Moses' prayer: "Oh Lord, rescue me from the counsel of the spies." The congregation then prostrated themselves before the Tomb, in memory of Caleb and Joshua who, according to Rashi, prostrated themselves on the tombs of the Fathers, to be rescued from the counsel of the spies. A prayer shawl was then rent in memory of the action of Joshua and Caleb, and together with the Scroll, placed in a special chamber.

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Thirty-one Hapoel wrestlers grappled for the movement's crowns at the Tel Aviv Hapoel Hall over last week-end. The athletes came from Hapoel's Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and Kiriat Haim clubs. The Capital's representatives captured two titles, as did those from Haifa and Kiriat Haim, while Tel Aviv gained one.

The new Hapoel champions are:

Flyweight: D. Buckshi (Jerusalem).

Featherweight: Yosef Me'eri (Kiriat Haim).

Bantamweight: Nissim Meshumar (Tel Aviv).

Lightweight: Yeheskiel Azri (Kiriat Haim)

Welterweight: Moshe Arzi (Haifa)

Middleweight: Ephraim Fisher (Jerusalem)

Heavyweight: Naftalie Berkovitz (Haifa).

Fangio Wins Grand Prix d'Europe

Juan Manuel Fangio, Argentina's ace driver, won the "Grand Prix d'Europe" last Sunday in an Alfa Romeo. He was at the wheel 52 of the 77 laps. The first 25 were driven by Luigi Fagioli, of Italy. The car — also an Alfa Romeo — in which Fangio started had to give up because of magneto trouble. Albert Ascari, of Italy, was second, driving a Ferrari.

Fangio covered the 601.808 kilometres (307.13 miles) in three hours 22 minutes 11 seconds — an average of 178.593 k.p.h. (about 111.6 m.p.h.) He established a new lap record average of 190.369 K.p.h.

Ascari timed 58 seconds slower than Fangio, and Luigi Villoresi, of Italy, was third in a Ferrari, but he lagged three laps behind, timing 3:23.28 for 74 laps.

Drobny Ousted From Wimbledon

Jaroslav Drobny, the self-exiled Czech Davis Cup tennis star, who was a three to one favourite in London betting to win the men's championship, was ousted from the All-England Tennis Championships at Wimbledon last Thursday in a third round match by Britain's No 1 erratic but brilliant Tony Mottram.

Mottram, who was not seeded, defeated Drobny, No 2 seed, 5/7, 6/4, 2/6, 7/5, 8/6 in a grim, thrilling two and a quarter hour struggle that enthralled a near 20,000 crowd packed tightly around the No. 1 Court. This upset followed the elimination of Budge Patty, the holder, a day earlier, by 17-year-old Hamilton Richardson, of Louisiana. Later on No. 9 seed Gardner Mulloy, of America, was also eliminated in a third round match at the hands of an unknown player, a 21-year-old Italian law student from Milan, who won 7/5, 3/6, 6/4, 6/4.



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Jerusalem parents wishing to transfer their children to a different educational trend in the next school year, should notify the Municipal Department of Education beginning tomorrow. The deadline is July 20.

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Entries for the 1951 Ussishkin Prize should be submitted to the Head Office of the Jewish National Fund in four copies by July 22, it was announced recently.

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Two Jaffa Arabs, charged with espionage, were remanded for another 15 days by Magistrate Y. Cohen Magori in Tel Aviv on Friday.

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An infiltrator was committed for trial for the illegal possession of a detonator, by the Jerusalem Chief Magistrate, Mr. M. Ganian, on Friday.

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The Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipality allocated IL.500 to needy Moslems in the area on the occasion of Id el Fitr.

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About 50 persons were detained in Ramle after a large-scale comb-out for army shirkers on Thursday and Friday.

Findings of Bakeries Commission Promised

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — The Bakeries Investigation Commission under Mr. Zvi Yehuda, Knesset Member, will present its findings within three weeks, Mr. Pinhas Lavon, the Minister of Agriculture, promised a delegation of bakery owners here yesterday. The Ministry's final decision on prices and wages will follow within three days after the report is received, Mr. Lavon promised.

The Investigation Commission was to have presented its report on May 31, but was not ready and its powers were extended indefinitely. Bakery owners in cities called for meetings yesterday to discuss a possible work stoppage. When the Minister's promise was received, strike plans were cancelled.

Mapam members of the Local Labour Council last week asked that a strike for higher wages be proclaimed, but the majority decided to wait for the committee's report before taking any action. In a letter to the Minister of Agriculture, the Council announced that it would wait another four weeks for the report and would take action if no decision were announced by that time.

JEWS CALL ON PERON

BUENOS AIRES, Saturday (Reuter). — A delegation representing the Jewish community in Argentina called on President Peron on Thursday to request him to run for office again in the 1952-58 term.

The delegation also expressed its appreciation of Madame Peron's social work.

Ration News

JERUSALEM — Rations for July: Sugar: 1 kilo, Aleph 1 in the new book, plus 500 grams on Book Aleph. Whole Rice: 250 grams, 339, new book. Egg powder: 100 grams, for July-August, no coupons required. Butter: 40 grams, Tsadi 14, Tsadi 20. Pulses: 500 grams, no coupons required.

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Israel Protests Legion Attacks

Israel protested to the Chairman of the Israel-Jordan Armistice Commission on Friday against the repeated shooting by Arab Legion guards in the Musrara quarter of Jerusalem. The protest was lodged after three men were shot at and wounded the evening before. Last Sunday, a 24-year-old immigrant was shot and killed by the Legion in Musrara.

Israel considers the latest incident the more serious, as the three men were in a house which was registered as occupied by a sub-committee of the M.A.C. under an agreement to register all occupied houses in no-man's-land.

Israel requested a M.A.C. meeting to discuss the last incident and it is believed that a special meeting will be held on Tuesday. Senior members of the M.A.C. are to meet today at an unofficial session reportedly to discuss current affairs and questions of agenda.

The Commission's regular weekly meeting is scheduled for Thursday and it is believed that at that meeting the list of houses registered in no-man's-land will be submitted.

Firing at Damascus Gate

Fire was opened from Jewish positions in Musrara at crowds in front of Damascus Gate on Friday afternoon, "Falastin" reported yesterday. A refugee, Subhi Mughrabi, was slightly wounded and admitted to hospital, the report added.

U.N. Observers and Jordan M.A.C. members went to the scene to investigate, and a complaint was submitted, it was stated.

Two Shots Fired At Cohen, Doctor Testified

The second bullet fired at Yehuda Cohen struck him while he was still alive and could have caused his death, Dr. M. Wohlman, an expert in pathology, who examined the corpse of Cohen, allegedly murdered by David Ezra, "The Limping One," told the Jerusalem District Court last Friday.

From the nature of the wound the doctor concluded that although the shots must have been fired from a distance of more than 80 cm., the murderer probably was not far off. The witness also thought it probable that both shots had been fired from the same pistol.

Daniel Yehuda, owner of the "Daniel" Cafe in the Bokharian Quarter of Jerusalem, testified that he had seen the accused in his cafe together with Yohanan Zakai, on the night of the crime.

(The prosecution claims that Ezra, Zakai and the victim had attempted a series of housebreakings in the Bokharian Quarter during the night of November 16-17 last year. When the attempts failed, Ezra shot Cohen dead, the State asserts.).

Cohen's brother and uncle both stated on Friday that he had been at home on the evening of the murder.

District Attorney E. Hedaya appeared for the prosecution, Mr. S. Toussia-Cohen, who is to be replaced by Mr. I. Tunik, represented the accused. The Court, scheduled to sit again tomorrow, is composed of Judge B. Halevy, President, and Judges E. Many and Y. Eisenberg.

Fire destroyed a wooden hut serving as a dispensary in the settlement of Maslul, near Beersheba, on Friday night. Damage is estimated at about IL.300. The cause of the fire is being investigated.

Final Plans For Poll Stations

TEL AVIV, Saturday. — Representatives of the district election committees will meet here tomorrow to discuss final arrangements for the polling stations.

Mr. Haim Radai, Secretary-General of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, has been added to the election administration board which consists of Justice Olshan, Chairman of the Central Elections Committee, and Mr. M. Cylan, Secretary-General of the Ministry of Defence.

The General Zionists announced today they would unite in the Knesset with members elected on the Sephardi and Oriental Communities List (Samach Zadi).

The following are the 16 lists, and their alphabetic designations, finally approved by the Central Elections Committee: Aleph, Mapai; Bet, Mizrahi; Gimel, Agudat Israel; Dalet, Agudat Israel Workers; Vav, Torah and Labour (Hapoel Hamizrahi); Het, Herut; Tet-Tav, Emunat Israel (Sephardi-Ashkenazi Union); Lamed, Yemenites; Mem, Mapam; Samech-Zadi, Sephardim and Oriental Communities; Peh, Progressives; Zadi, General Zionists; Kuf, Communists; Yud-Dale., Israel Arab Democratic List; Nun, Progress and Work (Arab); Ayin, Agriculture and Development (Arab).

"Herut" Guilty Of Yagur Libel

HAIFA, Saturday.—Yehoshua Ofir, "Herut" correspondent in Haifa, was fined IL.50 and as an alternative penalty sentenced to two weeks in prison in the Magistrate's Court yesterday. The paper's editor, Dr. Y. Rubin, and the publisher were fined IL.125 each.

On December 13, 1950, "Herut" published an article from its correspondent alleging that the settlement had expelled an ailing mother whose two sons had fallen in the war. One son, the paper asserted, had been a member of Yagur and the kibbutz had wanted to get rid of his mother and collected the Defence Ministry compensation due her. The correspondent added he found the ailing woman "lying in the street, blood dripping from her mouth."

It has been proved beyond doubt that the story was untrue in every detail, Magistrate Y. Cohen ruled.

Probe into Quarry Blast Goes On

While the police have not yet been permitted to question the seven injured victims of last week's Even v'Sid quarry explosion, the Ministry of Labour and the Histadrut Investigating Committees continued their work.

The Ministry of Labour Committee is studying reports on the way the explosives were stored, the maps of the two huts blown up by the explosion and figures on the quantities of explosives stored.

The Histadrut group is investigating labour conditions in the quarry as well as the position of the families of those who were killed in the disaster. Members of the Histadrut committee visited the families and are preparing to arrange for material help.

Dismissal Asked Of 2 Acre Vote Officials

The dismissal of the two temporary employees of the Ministry of the Interior's Registry Department, who registered Acre residents for the municipal election, was recommended in a report of an investigation into Knesset charges of the use of ballot slips as receipts for applications for identity cards, the Government Information Service informed *The POST* on Friday.

The investigation was made by Mr. A. Rosenbloom, Director-General of the Ministry of the Interior.

The investigator concluded that "there was improper use of ballot slips for official purposes, a practice which might give rise to the impression of political influence and pressure on the applicants." He recommended that Avraham Cohen and Avraham Enter, the clerks in question, be dismissed.

He also indicated that the persons responsible for registration of minorities in Western Galilee should be censured, as it was their job to supervise the Acre workers and to prevent such occurrences.

Mr. Rosenbloom reported that there was insufficient evidence of charges of verbal electioneering at the time receipts were issued. Mr. Rosenbloom said that this matter would have to be referred to the Police for further investigation, as only the Police could make full investigations of the charge.

Nahmias Testifies Before Committee

TEL AVIV, Saturday (ITIM). —The Knesset committee investigating the behaviour of the police at Jalameh prison during the detention there of alleged members of the Zealots, League continued here yesterday with the evidence of the Deputy Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Y. Nahmias.

He admitted that some of the police officers there might not have behaved exactly according to regulations or their instructions, and added that this could be deduced from the findings of the police inquiry.

He stated that Jalameh was not a "camp," as stated several times by members of the Knesset Committee, but a prison. Mr. Nahmias said that he had visited there on May 24 and had inspected conditions and seen the sick register; he was satisfied with what he had seen.

He said that he had spoken to the detainees and had heard complaints from only two of them — Noah Wormser and Daniel Raful. He thought that the blood on Wormser had not come from the wound in his head, and said that Raful could show no signs of having been hit by a stick, as had been claimed.

In reply to a question Mr. Nahmias said that policemen were forbidden to do anything to break the spirit of a prisoner. Asked about the lecture given to police officers by Mr. Hofstetter, of the Investigation Division of Police H.Q., on the working of the Knesset Committee, Mr. Nahmias explained that this had been arranged as this was the first time policemen were to appear before such a Committee. It had been decided to explain to the policemen what their rights were when appearing before it.

200 Arrive From Iraq Over Weekend

LYDDA AIRPORT, Saturday. — The Iraqi airlift has continued at a greatly reduced rate during the past few days with only two small aircraft running a shuttle service. There were three plane arrivals here yesterday, with a total of 162 newcomers.

One plane today brought another 53.

It is hoped a third plane will be in service within the next few days.

Shipping Head Urges National Maritime Group; Hits 'Monopolies'

HAIFA, Saturday. — Private initiative in shipping was confronted with natural and artificially-created difficulties and while six Ministries were concerned with import and export, there was no coordination with regard to sea transport, Mr. H.R. Graetz, owner and director of the Dizengoff Shipping Company, Ltd., told the Haifa Maritime Club yesterday.

Israel has neither a national shipping policy nor one with regard to relations with other shipping nations, he charged, and asserted that planned policy and foresight could save the nation much foreign currency spent on sea transport.

As an example of the alleged lack of coordination, the speaker cited the fact that in May his company alone had collected $70,000 in demurrage fees for chartered ships held up in Haifa Port, while unemployment prevailed in the Port of Tel Aviv.

The operation of Port services by monopolies was very costly for the State, he said, and it seemed as though they themselves were no longer able to control the level of output, which compares unfavourably with that of other ports.

He had raised the question of whether Shoham, Ltd., was a national or private company, but had received no reply. If the former, it ought to be put under public control, which it refused, and if the latter, why had it become the sole recipient of all the vessels used for "illegal immigration?" he asked.

Mr. Graetz welcomed Shoham's competition, but was dismayed that during the first 18 months of his company's operation, the Israel-America Line had chartered Panamanian and Greek ships and undercut freight rates to drive him out of business. He indicated that his own ships often sailed to Israel only partly loaded. A Shoham director had told him that "there is room for only one shipping company," and a Government representative had said the same, he alleged.

The practice was first to hamper private initiative and afterwards to say it had accomplished nothing, he said.

A year ago, his company had been refused permission to buy another ship for the Atlantic route. The country was spending IL.20m. on sea transportation, of which only a small part was in Israel ships.

He demanded the creation of a National Shipping Council to plan and direct sea transportation to and from Israel, coordination of local interests, relations with foreign companies and the development of Israel shipping between foreign ports along the lines of such organizations in Greece, Britain, Scandinavia and other countries.

U.S. Leftist Freed, Communists in Jail

NEW YORK, Saturday (Reuter). — Mr. Frederick Vanderbilt Field, millionaire left-wing sympathizer, was freed on $10,000 bail today pending his appeal against a contempt of court sentence of 19 days' imprisonment.

Mr. Field was sent to gaol yesterday for refusing to tell who posted $80,000 bail for four fugitive U.S. Communist leaders.

Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan had rejected a defence plea that Mr. Field should remain on parole until an appeal was heard.

Mr. Field is secretary of the Civil Rights Congress Bail Fund which posted $260,000 bail for the 11 Communist leaders convicted of advocating the overthrow of the Government by violence. When four of the 11 men failed to surrender to begin prison terms on Monday, Mr. Ryan began a bail inquiry contending that names of contributors to the fund were needed to help trace the fugitives, but Mr. Field refused to disclose the names.

Seven of the 11 convicted Communist leaders and a man convicted of atomic espionage, David Greenglass, boarded an armoured bus yesterday for Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, to begin serving their prison sentences.

$10,000 Cheque For University, Hadassah

LONDON, Saturday (INA). — Sugar Ray Robinson, the boxing champion, yesterday handed over a $10,000 cheque for the Medical School of the Hebrew University and Hadassah Hospital from the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund, of which he is a committee member.

The ceremony took place at Windsor at a special dinner given by Mr. Jack Solomons the British boxing promoter. Other cheques were presented to the Cancer Research Foundations of England, Ireland and Scotland.

The Israel cheque was received by Mr. Kenneth H. Bennett, public relations officer of the British Friends of the Hebrew University.

Discount Rates

In line with the world-wide trend towards dearer money, interest rates in the London money market are to be raised tomorrow from 11/16 of one per cent to one per cent on three-month bank bills. Three-month trade bills will be charged 1¾-2½ per cent (as against 1½-2 per cent), but Treasury bills will remain unchanged at the ½ per cent discount rate which has prevailed throughout the post-war period. *(Reuter)*

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WHAT IS MAPAI'S ECONOMIC POLICY?

VOTERS' GUIDE TO THE ELECTIONS (8)

The economic policy of Mapai is designed to enable Israel to complete successfully the Ingathering of the Exiles. Other parties to the left and to the right, while averring their support for this aim, make it subject to their varying conditions and purposes, all of which take precedence over it. The "General Zionist" economic programme is calculated primarily to make profits easy for importers, wholesalers and industrialists. Mapam's economic policy is intended to place Israel behind the Iron Curtain. Both are incompatible with admitting Olim freely and integrating them rapidly into our community.

Any government genuinely wishing to continue free and large-scale immigration would have to continue the economic policy now in force. If you want to admit immigrants freely, you must feed them. If you want them to become part of the community, you must clothe them, shelter them, and give them work. To feed, clothe and shelter the whole population means rationing scarce commodities and controlling prices, so that everyone may have the necessary minimum. With our unexampled rate of population growth, these minimum supplies must be obtained by imports far beyond of what we can repay by exports. In this situation it is absolutely necessary to ensure that our foreign exchange resources are spent to the greatest advantage and that our imports are carefully planned.

The final solution of our economic problem depends on vastly increased production. For this we must have large capital investments. The policy of Mapai is to stimulate and encourage investment and to see to it that it is directed to those areas and activities where it will most increase production. These are not necessarily the same as those where the largest profits can be made.

This is the policy dictated by the necessities of our situation. You can rely on Mapai, and on Mapai alone, to carry it out.

THINK BEFORE YOU VOTE!
MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!
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Fasting Fakirs Fight It Out

ROME, Saturday (UP). — Fakir Burman of Lyons and Fakir Delfo of Trieste have petitioned Italian courts to determine which of them holds the world's fasting record.

The French Fakir claims that his fast of 69 days, two hours and 22 minutes exceeds the Italian's claimed 61 days, two hours and 30 seconds, especially since the latter "violated all the rules" by not sleeping on broken glass and by leaving his coffin twice. Delfo admits leaving the coffin to "go to the toilet."

AZZAM LIKES THE GERMANS

HAMBURG, Saturday (INA). — "We never looked on the Germans as our enemies," Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League, said in an interview with the German News Agency, D.P.A. "Purely political necessities compelled us to declare war on Germany," he added. He pleaded for closer commercial relations between Arabs and Germans.

Greek Liberals Form New Cabinet

ATHENS, Saturday (Reuter). —The Greek Chamber voted confidence in Prime Minister Venizelos' all-Liberal Cabinet last night by 125 votes to 74. The Progressive centre bloc headed by Nicholas Plastiras and the right-wing Populists led by Constantin Tsaldaris supported the new Government.

Mr. Venizelos' Liberal and Democratic Socialist coalition cabinet resigned on Sunday after the withdrawal from the Government of Mr. George Papandreous, Deputy Premier and Democratic Socialist leader.

King Paul did not accept the cabinet's resignation and asked Venizelos to carry on with an all-liberal Government.

Presenting his cabinet to the Chamber, Mr. Venizelos described it as "transitory" its purpose being to see the new electoral bill through Parliament and to set the date for a general election. This may be in September.

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Cables in Brief

DEFEATED. — The British Government was beaten by 16 votes in the House of Commons on Thursday night on an Opposition motion to annul three orders raising the price of plaster boards.

STRIKE. — The General Council of the 900,000-strong All-India Railwaymen's Federation decided on Friday to launch a general railway strike from August 27.

INCREASE. — The cost-of-living in Paris in June was 29.2 per cent higher than in January 1950, the French Institute of Statistics has announced.

AID. — A large shipment of rice will soon be sent from Brazil to India through the U.N. International Children's Emergency Fund, for children in the famine-stricken areas.

PROTEST. — India has complained to the U.N. Security Council about four further alleged violations by Pakistan of the cease-fire lines in Kashmir.

GENERAL ZIONISTS ORGANIZATION IN ISRAEL CENTRE PARTY

MASS MEETINGS: "OUR PLATFORM"

PLACE	TIME	HALL	SPEAKERS
Tel Aviv	Sunday, July 8, 8.30 p.m.	Yoki Roof Garden Dizengoff Sq.	European Circle: Mrs. S. Persitz, Knesset Member; Opening Speaker: Dr. L. Lehrfreund.
Tel Aviv	Sunday, July 8, 8.30 p.m.	Commercial Club, 17 Rehov Nahmani	Young People's Party: S. Milion.
Tel Aviv	Sunday, July 8, 8.30 p.m.	Raphael Cafe, 17 Rehov Ramban	Active Members' Group: A. Kotzer.
Rehovot	Sunday, July 8, 8.30 p.m.	Farmers' Club	S. Ussishkin, Member of the Executive.
Nathanya	Sunday, July 8, 8.30 p.m.	Beth Ha'ezrah	A. Gusman
Haifa	Sunday, July 8, 8.30 p.m.	Party Club	Young Members' Meeting.
Zernukka	Sunday, July 8, 7.30 p.m.	Open Air Meeting	M. Zaref; film show (in Yiddish) after the lecture.
Givatayim	Sunday, July 8, 8.30 p.m.	Party Club	Women's Meeting.
Bnei Brak	Sunday, July 8, 8.30 p.m.	Party Club	Mrs. B. Katznelson.
Beisan	Sunday, July 8, 7.30 p.m.	Yemenite Synagogue	S. Vries
Ein Shemer Mabara	Sunday, July 8, 7.30 p.m.	Dining Room	S. Babeh, Executive Member; A. Kiusso.
Magdiel Mabara	Sunday, July 8, 7.30 p.m.	Open Air Meeting	Dr. A. Herbon; I. Sharavni.
Talpioth-Mabara (Jerusalem)	Sunday, July 8, 7.30 p.m.	Dining Room	E. Feld.
Givat Ada	Monday, July 9, 8.30 p.m.	Beth Ha'am	Mrs. S. Persitz, Knesset Member.
Magdiel	Monday, July 9, 8.30 p.m.	Maccabi Hall	Y. Serlin, Knesset Member.
Petah Tikva	Monday, July 9, 8.30 p.m.	"Hazvi" Hall	I. Saphir, Knesset Member; E. Eichelov, Party Executive Member.
Kfar Tabor	Monday, July 9, 8.30 p.m.	Beth Gimmel	I. Elion (Paikovitz) Advocate, Benyamina Council.
Yad Hama'vir Camp	Monday, July 9, 7.30 p.m.	Outdoor Meeting	I. Saphir, Knesset Member and E. Feld.
Pardess Katz	Monday, July 9, 7.30 p.m.	Outdoor Meeting	M. Zaref; M. Vilensky.
Atlit	Tues., July 10, 8.30 p.m.	Cinema Hall	I. Saphir, Knesset Member; Z. Shapiro, head of settlement department.
Ekron	Tues., July 10, 8.30 p.m.	Beth Ha'am	Dr. A. Rimmelt, Party Vice-President.
Haifa	Tues., July 10, 8.30 p.m.	Maccabi Hall	Dr. J. Schloss; Dr. S. Wolf; Dr. M. Felixbrodt (in German).
Hadera	Tues., July 10, 8.30 p.m.	Agricultural Club	Dr. H. Berger, Member, Party Executive.
Tel Aviv	Tues., July 10, 8.30 p.m.	Raphael Cafe 17 Rehov Ramban	A. Goldstein, Member, Party Executive; I. Broza.
Tel Aviv Montefiore Qu.	Tues., July 10, 8.30 p.m.	Wizo Hall	S. Bornstein, Member, Party Executive; I. Goldenberg, Member, Party Executive.
Safad	Tues., July 10, 8.30 p.m.	Gan Rave	S. Nurenberg, head of the national organization.
Bnei Brak Mabara	Tues., July 10, 7.30 p.m.	Outdoor Meeting	Y. Serlin, Knesset Member.
Kfar Saba Mabara	Tues., July 10, 7.30 p.m.	Open Air Meeting	I. Sharavni.
Herzlia	Wed., July 11, 8.30 p.m.	"Ziv-Av" Cinema	I. Saphir, Knesset Member.
Hadar	Wed., July 11, 7.30 p.m.	Yemenite Synagogue	S. Vries.
Haifa	Wed., July 11, 8.30 p.m.	Maccabi Hall	D. H. Parnes (Meeting of Polish Immigrants).
Lydda	Wed., July 11, 5 p.m.	Party Club	Members' Meeting: Mrs. L. Hooflen.
Ramat Gan	Wed., July 11, 8.30 p.m.	Beth Ha'ezrah	Dr. R. Katznelson.
Tel Aviv	Wed., July 11, 8.30 p.m.	Party Club	European merchants meeting: I. Hilman, Dr. I. Margulies and S. Perlstein.
Tel Aviv Harakevet Qu.	Wed., July 11, 8.30 p.m.	Beth Hacafe	I. Goldberg, Member, Party Executive; M. Zaref.
Rishon leZion Mabara	Wed., July 11, 7.30 p.m.	Outdoor Meeting	Dr. A. Rimmelt, Party Vice-President; I. Sha'ul, advocate.
Ramat Gan	Wed., July 11, 8.30 p.m.	Frank Cafe	Dr. J. Schloss.
Zichron Yacov	Thurs., July 12, 8.30 p.m.	"Shomron" Cinema	Mrs. S. Persitz, Knesset Member.
Tel Aviv	Thurs., July 12, 8.30 p.m.	Raphael Cafe 17 Rehov Ramban	Active Members' Meeting: I. Lalo.
Bat Galim Camp	Thurs., July 12, 7.30 p.m.	Dining Room	Dr. H. Parnes.
Ramot Hashavim	Thurs., July 12, 8.30 p.m.	Beth Ha'am	European Circle; P. Bernstein, Party President.
Herzlia Beth	Thurs., July 12, 8.30 p.m.	Notice follows	H. Levanon, Deputy Mayor, Tel Aviv.

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A MIZRAHI motion to alter the election law so that lists could be linked up even after they had been submitted separately, was defeated in the Knesset before it adjourned. Significantly, one of the opponents of the motion was a distinguished member of Mizrahi itself. This incident is yet another symptom of a process of disintegration which has affected three of the larger parties.

PARTY RIFTS

The crisis within the Religious Bloc is, in the last analysis, the result of the fundamental error that religious aims can be served by political means. To preserve the traditions of Israel and its spiritual heritage is a noble aim, and it was this task which justified the emergence of the Mizrahi fifty years ago. With the establishment of the State, however, the orthodox parties, now formed into a parliamentary bloc, found themselves drawn into the turmoil of conflicting political conceptions. This was to be expected, for even before 1948, the Mizrahi had been slowly transformed into a coalition of its right and left wings. More recently, the rift became apparent when a new faction, "Lamifneh," appeared on the scene. With a membership of some 40 per cent of Hapoel Hamizrahi, this group remains faithful to the pioneering spirit of Jewish labour,' particularly settlement on the land. Here, then, emerged a conflict in the sphere of social policy, which was carried over into the approach of the Religious Bloc to the integration of mass immigration where the Bloc as a whole missed an historic opportunity of finding a synthesis between the requirements of religious immigrants and the social — in the widest sense of the word — postulates of the State. The impact of party politics made itself especially felt when, after the municipal elections, a series of barters took place which was bound to intensify the schism.

Signs of growing disaffection are equally noticeable in the ranks of Herut. Here, again, the fundamental changes brought about by the establishment of the State explain the search for new approaches to the problems of the day and the resulting clash of ideas. As long as Herut was an underground organization, it could not tolerate dissenting opinions. Today, two opposition groups exist inside Herut, while former Revisionist members, disappointed with the underground leaders of yesterday, have been trying to resuscitate their old party. Much concern has been caused by these developments among local adherents of Herut and their sympathizers abroad. The defection of two Knesset members and the little interest shown in the elections to the last party convention are telling enough symptoms.

Of greater significance, and more important perhaps for the future composition of Knesset and Government, are the differences within Mapam, the second largest party. Its three original components, Ahdut Avodah, Hashomer Hatzair, and Left Poale Zion, were always characterized by a triangular rather than circular aspect of their union. The last party convention only confirmed this impression. The common denominator, of course, is opposition to Mapai, but in reality, the dividing line is provided by the Cominform and, to a minor degree, by the Arab question. Non-conformity, in this sphere, is likely to prove stronger, in the long run at least, than the factors which caused the secession from Mapai that had led to the formation of the United Workers Party.

U.S. Plane Crashes In Scotland

CAREPLAIRN, SCOTLAND, Saturday (Reuter). — A U.S. Air Force tanker plane crashed and burst into flames near this Kirkcudbrightshire town today. Early reports said there were five survivors, all badly burned. A rescue party carrying stretchers set out for a hill top climb to the scene as soon as the news became known.

U.S. Air Force Headquarters in Britain believed the plane was a four-engined K.B.-29 used for aerial refuelling and carrying a crew of 11.

THE WEEK IN THE KNESSET

Quick Finish to Final Session

By Gerda Luft

IT was generally expected that the final session of the Knesset last week would be a long one. There was talk of prolonging the sitting until Thursday, and complicated calculations were made on how to push the national insurance bill through its three readings after it had been tabled by the government. Weary members of the House prepared themselves for four long days of work including perhaps an all night vigil. At the last moment, however, everything was changed. The Knesset finished its session on Tuesday night instead of Wednesday noon. The general impression was that the wheels of the Parliamentary machine were turning slowly and with difficulty before coming to a standstill, to leave members time for the election campaign.

The shortened session was not the only surprise of last week. The fate of the bill on the status of women was unexpected, too. The majority of the House thought that the debate on the bills prepared by the Ministry of Justice and Mrs. Rahel Cogan would be of no more than academic interest because the House would be unlikely to find the time to go through the work in committee and the final voting before dissolution. The change came at the last moment when the Communist member, Mr. Wilner, moved that the House should not only pass the bill to committee but pledge the Knesset to finish work on it. When Mr. Ben Gurion joined this plea the tide turned, and the legal committee has already appointed a sub-committee to begin work at once.

Joining Bills

But the task is not an easy one. There are two bills and that tabled by the Government is not as far-reaching as that of Mrs. Cogan. The committee will have to make one bill out of the two, and the result will be a bill less radical than that of Mrs. Cogan and more far-reaching than that of the Ministry of Justice. If the Committee finishes its work during the following weeks the problem of the final voting remains. The Speaker has announced that he will convene the Knesset for a final session on August 6. In the beginning this session was planned as a festive one with a character more formal than business-like. Now it appears that it will be an ordinary working session to finish work on the women's bill.

This expedient can also be used for the debate on the report of the Parliamentary enquiry commission into the conditions of the detention camp at Jalameh. The commission lost valuable time when the Magistrate refused to let his prisoners appear before the commission. The report will therefore not be ready for some time. But it would be strange if the Knesset would not hear this report and deal with it before it is dissolved.

Trial and Error

The proposal to keep the first Knesset going until the second convenes was devised by the opposition parties as a means of control over the administration and to be sure of a public stage for itself. While it is understandable that the first Knesset can be convened at any moment during the elections if necessary, the convening of the first Knesset *after* the second has been elected appears strange. But it should never be forgotten that we are in the first stages of working out Parliamentary procedure and we proceed by trial and error.

The Knesset committee has decided that the second Parliament will not start working on bills which have already been debated in the first. This is regretted by those who are worried by the backlog of legislation and by the wasted work on bills which will not be voted upon in the present House. But one of the aims of the elections is to ascertain what sort of bills should be presented by the next government. The second Knesset may not be very different from the first, but it would be rash to work on this assumption. The second Knesset can decide to start where the first left off. But it cannot be hampered by decisions of the first. If the elections take place on the thirtieth of July a week or two will go by until negotiations among the parties make possible the setting up of a government.

Pressed for Time

It is most improbable that the Knesset will convene while the Zionist Congress sits in Jerusalem. The second Knesset will therefore only be able to start work at the beginning of September when the autumn recess is near. This was probably not taken into account when a budget for six months only was passed in April. The second Knesset, at least during its first months, will be just as pressed for time as the first.

MUSICAL DIARY

KOL Israel's Tuesday night concert offered a varied and interesting programme, conducted by Eytan Lustig. Mozart's Divertimento in D major, K. 136, made a vivid opening. Vittorio Rieti's Serenata for violin and orchestra, in spite of its bold harmonies, was never dry, but evoked the atmosphere of an Italian night. The same favourable impression was occasioned by Bela Bartok's Rhapsody for violin and orchestra with its csardas-rhythm. In both contemporary pieces, the soloist Eli Goren excelled. Sandwiched between Rieti and Bartok was E. W. Sternberg's "David and Goliath" for Baritone (Yehoshua Zohar) and eleven instruments. The words were by Mathias Claudius, Hebrew translation by Yossef Ahai. The rather clumsy character was stipulated by the nature of Goliath but we missed the charm and amiability of the boy David. As could be foreseen, Haydn's beautiful "Oxford" symphony No. 16 suffered because of bad timing.

Freudenthal and Wallfish

The I.P.O.'s 9th Subscription concert in Jerusalem on Thursday night was enjoyable for several reasons. For the first time in many weeks, the weather was more bearable and the audience did not feel paralyzed by the heat as it did during the previous two concerts.

The Jerusalem premiere of Franz Berwald's "Sinfonie Serieuse" No. 1 was also a pleasant surprise. It is romantic music and the first movement sounds like an anticipation of Brahms, while the scherzo has a Mendelssohnian "Midsummer Night's Dream" atmosphere. The inspired symphony has beautiful string passages.

Heinz Freudenthal offered a remarkable performance which was both warm and passionate, but also controlled and concentrated. The sound of the Orchestra was first-rate in both this composition and in Brahms' "Tragic" Symphony.

Peter Wallfish was the soloist in Mozart's Piano Concerto in C-Major, K. 467. His approach to the theme was poetic and clear and his playing showed evidence of great musicianship.

FRANGO

Talley Beatty and the Israel Ballet

The return of Talley Beatty to Tel Aviv, this time to work with the Israel Ballet, may become an event of far-reaching importance for the development of the dance in Israel.

When the "Tropicana" company was on tour here in May, some of the country's dancers and choreographers were of the opinion that a great deal could be accomplished for the ballet if Beatty could be persuaded to remain in Israel for even a short while to train our dancers and to form a ballet company which might possibly become the core of a genuine Israel dance group.

Beatty considered this an interesting offer. While in Italy, he took leave of his company, returned to Israel for three months of work with the Israel Ballet Theatre, primarily in the role of a teacher, but it is not unlikely that he will also design a new ballet.

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Readers' Letters

UNNAMED STREET

To the Editor of THE POST

Sir, — The small street in the German Colony where the daughter of Yehuda Leib Cantor lives is still unnamed, though it is to be called Josiah Wedgwood.

This letter does not mean to imply that Wedgwood should not be thus honoured. However, it is strange that all of the members of Israel's literary world, some of whom knew Yehuda Leib Cantor personally, should have forgotten the role he played in the revival of modern Hebrew, particularly as the editor of the first Hebrew daily in Russia.

Yours, etc.,
LAYA BEITCHMAN
Jerusalem.

ISRAEL'S EXAMPLE AT AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE

Big Business and Progress

By Jon Kimche

FENCHURCH (Sussex).— THE strange, sometimes contradictory relation between Big Business and social progress has once more been demonstrated at the International Agricultural Conference which was held here last month. And one of the main guinea pigs on which the experiment was tried out at the Conference was the experience of Israel.

The calling of the Conference was in the first place unusual. It was brought together at the instance of a private firm, Plant Protection Limited, who run one of the most progressive agricultural research stations in the world.

The actual origins of this assembly are interesting. Plant Research Ltd. is a subsidiary of Imperial Chemicals who sponsored the Conference, paid the fares and expenses of 200 delegates from most parts of the world; from India, Indonesia, Malaya, Ceylon, Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Israel, Trans-Jordan, the Commonwealth and most Latin American and Western European countries.

This substantial expense was incurred for not purely altruistic purposes. Imperial Chemicals, as it happens, has developed in recent years certain synthetic insecticides which have revolutionized agriculture in Europe and Asia.

The U.S. and Switzerland were not represented. For in these two countries the competitors of Imperial Chemical produce their own insecticides and there is keen competition between such firms as Du Ponts and La Roche and Imperial Chemical.

Criticism of Industry

But the intriguing feature of this Conference was that the delegates, leading experts and scientists, were by no means inhibited from criticizing the products manufactured by their hosts. There was none of that boot-licking so noticeable at the Petroleum Congress in The Hague a month ago.

Sir John Russell, the world's foremost authority on plants, opened the Conference. He estimated that last year the world lost fully one half of its total food supply as a result of insect and other pests. Other authorities concurred.

The Ceylon tea planters lost one fifth of their entire crop last year as a result of plant disease; Turkey's damage from insects and virus pests was estimated at 500 million Turkish pounds; (60 million sterling). Egypt's loss as a result of insect attack on cotton plants was estimated at £50 million.

Mr. G. Edmund Jones, the chief expert on the Middle East attached to the Plant Protection Research Station, estimated the loss caused by the Olive Fly in the olive growing countries in the Mediterranean at £20-30m. each year. The damage done by the Mediterranean Fruit Fly was calculated as being considerably greater.

Great interest was taken by all Mediterranean countries in the paper read by Dr. E. Rivnal, the Chief Entomologist of the Rehovot Agricultural Research Station, on how Israel had dealt with the danger of this fly.

Research in Israel

The Fruit Fly, after being successfully eliminated, appeared again last season and destroyed virtually the entire crop of Valencia oranges in Israel. One main carrier of the fly was the abandoned sabra fruits of the cactus plants in the one-time Arab areas. These used to be eaten by the Arabs but were left to rot in recent years by new immigrants who were unaccustomed to the fruit. The Mediterranean Fly used them as a transit stage to the Valencia oranges, a passage made particularly easy by the mild winter.

Dr. Rivnai detailed the measures taken in Israel to deal with this situation and also with the emergence of the Wheat Leaf Miner, a pest which had also in the past confined its activities to Arab corn and had not affected that planted by Jewish farmers. But with the taking over of much shallow ploughed Arab land, the pest has also transferred its activities to the new owners.

The British, Turkish and French delegations sought to establish closer relations with Dr. Rivnai after his talk, and it was decided to call a special private Conference for the Mediterranean countries where they could seek further information about plant protection in Israel.

The Arab delegations listened equally intently to Dr. Rivnai and the Egyptian delegation participated in the subsequent discussion. While none of the Arabs present has made any hostile demonstration, they have however avoided any close contact with the Israel delegate.

One point of wider interest emerged also from Dr. Rivnai's contribution. While insecticides had revolutionized agriculture in Israel and made possible the cultivation of apricots and peaches, and the large scale growing of such vegetables as carrots, he still doubted whether in the long run insecticides were not harmful to the overall supply of food. Insecticides destroy beneficial insects needed in food growing, and can possibly start new and more virulent pests as a result. But he was sure the short term use of the new insecticides is beneficial.

This view was widely echoed. Some of the British experts in particular strongly criticized the industrial scientists. This new phenomenon of industry fostering social progress deserves the closest attention. One rarely finds the healthy independent spirit of the scientists towards the patrons of such Conferences which was displayed at Fernhurst.

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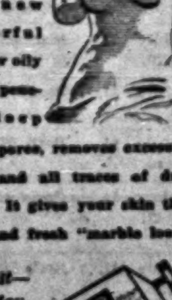


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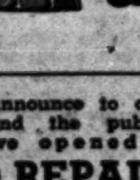
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